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## **POWERBALL TICKET WORTH \$1 MILLION SOLD IN GASTON COUNTY**

**-Fayetteville Man Claims \$200,000 Powerball Prize-  
-Winston-Salem Woman Gets Scratch-off Tickets for Christmas and Wins \$100,000-  
-Powerball Jackpot Grows to \$90 Million-**

**RALEIGH**-What a way to start off the New Year! One ticket in the Dec. 31 Powerball drawing matched all five white balls drawn and is worth \$1 million!

The ticket was sold at One Stop Grocery on East Franklin Boulevard in **Gastonia**. It was Power Played, which increased the \$200,000 payout to \$1 million since the Power Play multiplier for the drawing was five. The prize has yet to be claimed.

In addition to the \$1 million ticket, one ticket in the same drawing matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball and is worth \$10,000. This ticket was sold at Cruizers on Raleigh Road Parkway West in **Wilson**.

A total of 42,817 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in the Wednesday, Dec. 31 Powerball drawing, ranging from \$1 million down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$1,497,332. No one matched all five white balls plus the Powerball, so the jackpot for the Saturday, Jan. 3 Powerball drawing is an estimated \$90 million.

Anthony Bryant of **Fayetteville** claimed a \$200,000 Powerball prize on New Year's Eve. His ticket from the Nov. 22 Powerball drawing matched all five white balls and was bought at Short Stop #19 on Ramsey Street in Fayetteville.

Bryant says he used special dates and ages to pick the numbers for his Powerball ticket. He adds that he knew his win was coming—both he and his adult daughter had dreamt that he would win. Bryant plans to invest his winnings in real estate.

For Inez Parisi of **Winston-Salem**, this past Christmas is one she won't forget for a very long time. Parisi's husband bought her some instant scratch-off tickets as a present, and as she scratched them off Christmas Day, the "Fabulous 5's" ticket in the stack revealed itself to be worth \$100,000!

When she realized how much she'd won, Parisi says she called out to her husband, "Honey, I think I hit the big one!" She plans to use part of her winnings to take a trip to Aruba. Her winning ticket was purchased at Food Lion #1407 on North Highway 109 in Winston-Salem.

“Carolina Cash 5” has been really lucky for several players in the past seven days. After the top prize was won on Dec. 26 and Dec. 28, it has been hit two more times. One ticket in the Dec. 31 “Carolina Cash 5” drawing matched all five numbers drawn to win the top prize of \$50,000. This ticket was sold at C & E Food Mart on Dale Earnhardt Boulevard in **Kannapolis**.

One ticket in the Dec. 30 “Carolina Cash 5” drawing matched all five numbers drawn to win the top prize for that drawing of \$65,160. This ticket was sold at Freeway BP on South Alston Avenue in **Durham**.

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$5.6 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, Dec. 29. Also since Monday, “Carolina Cash 5” players have won more than \$228,000 and “Carolina Pick 3” players have won more than \$1.2 million in prizes.

Winners in the Dec. 31 Powerball drawing:

<u><b>Winner</b></u>	<u><b>Hometown</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Won</b></u>	<u><b>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</b></u>
Unknown		\$1 million	One Stop Grocery 510 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia
Unknown		\$10,000	Cruizers 3601 Raleigh Road Pkwy. West, Wilson

Winner in the Dec. 31 “Carolina Cash 5” drawing:

<u><b>Winner</b></u>	<u><b>Hometown</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Won</b></u>	<u><b>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</b></u>
Unknown		\$50,000	C & E Food Mart 3170 Dale Earnhardt Blvd., Kannapolis

Winner in the Nov. 22 Powerball drawing:

<u><b>Winner</b></u>	<u><b>Hometown</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Won</b></u>	<u><b>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</b></u>
Anthony Bryant	Fayetteville	\$200,000	Short Stop #19 1907 Ramsey St., Fayetteville

Winner in the Dec. 30 “Carolina Cash 5” drawing:

<u><b>Winner</b></u>	<u><b>Hometown</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Won</b></u>	<u><b>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</b></u>
Kimberly Joyner	Durham	\$65,160	Freeway BP 308 S. Alston Ave., Durham

Winner in the Dec. 28 “Carolina Cash 5” drawing:

<u><b>Winner</b></u>	<u><b>Hometown</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Won</b></u>	<u><b>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</b></u>
Wilhemena Martin	Winston-Salem	\$75,770	Gopal Corporation 714 Peters Creek Pkwy., Winston-Salem

Winners in the Dec. 27 Powerball drawing:

<u><b>Winner</b></u>	<u><b>Hometown</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Won</b></u>	<u><b>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</b></u>
Joseph Harding	Candler	\$50,000	Fastop Market 627 Smoky Park Hwy., Candler
Edward Hall Jr.	Tyner	\$10,000	Goody's Convenient Center 2804 Virginia Rd., Tyner
Deborrah Little	Pinehurst	\$10,000	Wilco 13354 Albemarle Rd., Mint Hill

Winners in the Dec. 10 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Robert Finkbeiner	Henderson, NV	\$10,000	Lowes Foods #161 2501 Lewisville-Clemmons Rd., Clemmons

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Inez Parisi	Winston-Salem	\$100,000	"Fabulous 5's"
James Davis	Bahama	\$50,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Dorsel Bailey	Goldsboro	\$21,000	"Double BlackJack"
Earl Haithcock	Raleigh	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Kristi Murray	Raleigh	\$10,000	"Winning Fever"
Susannah Powell	Fletcher	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Willie Shook	Dandridge, TN	\$10,000	"Silver and Gold"
Ruth Hobbs	Elizabeth City	\$7,000	"Super 7s"
Wanda MacGray	Williamston	\$7,000	"Super 7s"
Raymond Davis	Clinton	\$5,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Arnold Edwards	Waynesville	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Roger Glover	Leland	\$5,000	"Winning Fever"
Steven Hill	Gastonia	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Mark Holt	Winston-Salem	\$5,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Ronald Jones	Clinton	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Jayson King	Union Mills	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Peggy Lacey	Gray, TN	\$5,000	"Jingle Big Ol' Bucks"
Gloria & Robert Ingram	Thomasville	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Beatrice Whyte-Spitz	Morganton	\$5,000	"Jingle Big Ol' Bucks"

**"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally**

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	170

**Powerball Winners Tally**

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$2 Million - \$200,000	135
\$100,000 - \$10,000	749

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,  
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.